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1. WORKING GROUP OF WESTERN CAUCUS MET APRIL 1 TO DISCUSS ENERGY DOCUMENTS (E/ECE/882 AND 883), FOR 30TH SESSION.
2. FRG, UK AND ITALIAN REPS REPORTED THEY WOULD NOT FAVOR PROPOSAL OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR CONVENING AN AD HOC MEETING OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY POLICIES AS OUTLINED IN PARA 16 (C) OF ECE/882. THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 16(A) (B) AND (E) THAT THE COMMISSION TAKE NOTE OF THE TWO DOCUMENTS, THAT PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES EXAMINE THE STUDY IN E/ECE/883 AND INCLUDE OBSERVATIONS IN THEIR REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION; AND THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SHOULD REPORT TO THE 31ST SESSION (1976) ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DECISION. THIS POSITION IS IN LINE WITH VIEWS ALSO EXPRESSED BY EASTERN DELS.
3. FRG OF VIEW THAT THERE IS SO MUCH INTERNATIONAL  
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ACTIVITY IN ENERGY FIELD THAT ECE MEETING WOULD NOT RECEIVE ADEQUATE ATTENTION. UK EVEN MORE NEGATIVE AND FEELS THAT

ECE SHOULD NOT EXPAND ENERGY ACTIVITIES BEYOND TRADITIONAL FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES.

4. ITALY, ON CONTRARY, STILL FAVORS ENERGY COMMITTEE OR ASSIGNMENT OF PRIMARY ROLE FOR ECE ENERGY MATTERS TO SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. ITALIANS DO NOT FEEL SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS GO FAR ENOUGH AND THAT ECE SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH BROADER ASPECTS THAN EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY.

5. U.S. REP NOTED THAT U.S. EXPERTS HAD NOT APPRAISED ECE STUDY AND POSITION STILL NOT DETERMINED. HE SAID THAT U.S. WOULD SHARE CONCERN THAT DUPLICATION BE AVOIDED, THAT EXPERTS NOT BE SPREAD TOO THIN AND THAT ROLE FOR ECE IN ENERGY FIELD BE CLEARLY DEFINED AND IN AREA WHERE EAST WOULD PARTICIPATE. IT WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT MORE CAREFUL REVIEW OF DOCUMENT 883 BY EXPERTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AND THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ECE ACTIVITIES IN THE ENERGY FIELD. THIS TYPE OF OVER-ALL REVIEW COULD NOT BE PERFORMED AS EFFECTIVELY BY PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES ACTING INDEPENDENTLY. WHILE AGREEING THAT AN AD HOC MEETING AS SUGGESTED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DOES NOT SEEM PRACTICAL, NEVERTHELESS A MORE MODEST EXPERT GROUP WITH NARROW TERMS OF REFERENCE TO REVIEW DOCUMENT 883 MIGHT BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE EFFORT MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. INITIAL REACTION OF FRG, ITALY AND NETHERLANDS TO THIS SUGGESTION WAS POSITIVE AND IT WAS AGREED TO REFER TO CAPITALS.

6. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS POINTLESS TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER SECRETARIAT ACTIVITY IN THE ABSENCE OF SUPPORT BY GOVERNMENTS, WE FEEL THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD NEVERTHELESS GIVE MORE THAN CURSORY TREATMENT TO THIS STUDY WHICH WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION AND WHICH REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT.

7. IN ORDER NOT TO PLACE AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON THE SECRETARIAT AND GOVERNMENTS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THIS STUDY BE REFERRED TO THE AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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COOPERATION IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES SCHEDULED 29-30 APRIL AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES. SINCE THE ENERGY STUDY WOULD REQUIRE MORE TIME TO DIGEST, THIS AD HOC MEETING SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL. AN IDEAL TIME WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING THE NEXT MEETING OF SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

8. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE WITH THE SECRETARIAT AND THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND THAT A COMPROMISE IS

NECESSARY. THEY WOULD FAVOR A SEPARATE MEETING OF EXPERTS TO CONSIDER DOCUMENT 883 AND WOULD RATHER NOT COMBINE THIS MEETING WITH THE AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES UNLESS THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE THE REPORT CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE.

9. WE PLAN TO TAKE FLEXIBLE APPROACH IN DEALING WITH DOCUMENT 883, AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO ANY PROCEDURE WHICH COMMANDS GENERAL SUPPORT. APPRECIATE ANY DEPT VIEWS PRIOR APRIL 8 WHEN MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED IN WESTERN CAUCUS.DALE

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